

National Steeplechase Association  
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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Shawan Downs

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2017

WEATHER: Clear

COURSE CONDITION: Firm

CLERK OF SCALES: Jacob Chalfin

STARTER: R. Barry Watson

STEWARDS: Gus Brown (Presiding)  
Bruce Rodman  
David Hershbell  
Woody Maloney (Safety Steward)

HORSE IDENTIFIER: Charlene Hershbell

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: Both the Jockey's Meeting and Official's Meeting took place at the advertised time.

STRONGBOX in race 4 was randomly selected for TCO2 testing.

CORNHUSKER in race 5 was randomly selected for TCO2 testing.

**Race 1:** DOWN ROYAL, fell at fence 10. Jockey Bernard Dalton was cleared by the Course Physician. Jockey Dalton refused to ride back from the provided shuttle services. The Stewards met with the SJAA Representative, Forrest Kelly, and asked that he remind the Jockeys to utilize the shuttles in the event of a fall or unseated Jockey.

**Race 2:** OCEAN READY, was scratched by the Race Course Veterinarian.

JUMP TO JUNEAU, was scratched by the Race Course Veterinarian.

**Race 3:** AFLUTTER, the winner, was reported to have broken down after the race. This was confirmed by assistant trainer Keri Brion. The horse was walked back to the stable area after the connections refused use of the horse ambulance. The issue of lame horses walking back to the stable area is something that should be reviewed by the Stewards Advisory Committee and Safety Committee.

**Race 5:** CLASS CHEROKEE was difficult at the start and balked initially but eventually joined the field and started with the field.

**Race 6:** DEVIL'S BREW, pulled up after fence 16, tired.

PRESELI ROCK, pulled up after fence 16, tired.

FAIRBANKS GOLD, pulled up after fence 16, tired.

**Race 7:** ALL OF THE ABOVE pulled up before fence 11. The horse broke down and was unable to be loaded on the horse ambulance despite the efforts of the veterinary staff and the horse's connections.

KRISTINA'S LEO pulled up after fence 11. Jockey Eric Poretz noted that the horse was a first-time starter and his jumping had become sloppy as he became tired and he felt that it was in the horse's best interest to pull up.

SIMPLY CERTAIN unseated Jockey McLane Hendriks at fence 14. Jockey Hendriks was cleared to ride.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: The Stewards ask that Race Course Veterinarians make sure to identify each horse prior to the pre-race examinations. It is recommended that the Safety Steward try to be present for the examinations and help in the identification process when possible.

Respectfully,

Gus Brown